

law. It was strongly supported by States, Governors, mayors and commissioners and others who said, "Let's quit passing unfunded mandates on to the States, cities and counties."

He has been instrumental in leading the fight in needed reform in the Endangered Species Act. He has been a tireless worker on the Armed Services Committee.

He has always kept his priorities straight. His family has always been first and foremost. His love for his State is very evident.

Now he will return to the State of Idaho. He is running for Governor. I am very confident he will be elected Governor, and I am quite confident he will be one of the outstanding Governors in the country. I appreciate his service and his friendship. He has been an outstanding Senator. I hate to see him leave the U.S. Senate, but I do wish him, his wife and his family best wishes as he leaves the Senate and returns to his State and continues his public service in a different capacity, and that will be as Governor of the great State of Idaho.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DAN COATS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I also wish to pay my compliments and accolades to Senator DAN COATS of Indiana. I have had the pleasure of knowing DAN COATS. He actually was elected to the House of Representatives in 1980, the same year I was elected to serve in the U.S. Senate. He had something unusual happen.

When Dan Quayle was selected as Vice President and elected in 1988, DAN COATS was appointed to take his place in 1988.

That almost sounds like it was easy, but it turned out he had to run for reelection in 1990; and he won. But that was only for a partial term, and so he also had to run for reelection in 1992. So he had the unenviable task of having really challenging races both in 1990 and in 1992 for the U.S. Senate. He won both, and deservedly so, because he has been an outstanding U.S. Senator.

I remember Dan Quayle telling me, "You're really going to like DAN COATS." Dan Quayle and I were good friends. And DAN COATS and I have become very good friends. And he was exactly right. DAN COATS and his wife, Marcia, his family, are not only good friends of our family, but I would say anybody serving in this body—anybody—whether they be on the House side or the Senate side, cannot help but like DAN and Marcia COATS. They are a couple—they are a couple—in the greatest tradition of the Senate.

His wife Marcia has been active in the Senate wives' groups and active with the prayer groups that many of our wives are involved with. They go to functions together. They are athletically involved. They both play tennis. They both play golf. They both have a good time. They keep their priorities

straight. They both have a very strong belief in God and in their families, and work comes down somewhere below that.

He has done an outstanding job as a Senator for the great State of Indiana. I would say he has done an outstanding job as a Senator for all of us in America, whether it be his work on the Armed Services Committee, whether it be his tireless efforts on welfare reform in the Labor Committee, his efforts to try to reduce poverty, his efforts to alleviate suffering amongst kids.

Many of our colleagues are not aware of it, but he is national president of the Big Brothers program, which could probably be a full-time job for anybody, but he is able to do that. He has been a Big Brother. He actually was a Big Brother in a town for a youngster who did not have a dad, did not have a mentor. DAN COATS became his mentor—as a matter of fact, became his best man at his wedding.

What a great compliment for an individual who, of course, had unlimited demands on his time, was willing to take time out and serve as a Big Brother to a youngster who did not have a dad, and he did it for years. Ultimately this young man became quite a success, a success in his own right, and I think in large part because of the time and attention and love that DAN COATS gave to him. He selected DAN COATS as his best man at his wedding, which is quite a compliment.

DAN COATS was recently selected as Christian Statesman of the Year by a national organization. They had a big banquet honoring him, and it was well deserved. I have the pleasure of knowing DAN COATS in many respects. His belief in God, it is sincere, it is real. He is the embodiment of a Christian statesman. And so that award was well deserved.

He has been leader, as many of us know, of the Senate Prayer Breakfast that we have ongoing in the Senate that goes back for years and years. He has been chairman or president of that group for us for the last year or so and has done a good job—done an outstanding job in every respect.

So he is absolutely a dear friend, and I hate to see him leave the Senate. He has served now in the Senate since 1988, so only for 10 years. But he also served 8 years in the House, and before that he served a couple years in the Army. So he has given a lot of years in public service, and he deserves, I guess, a chance to do something else.

But I am confident—absolutely confident—that whatever he does will be a great service to this country. He has been a real blessing to this body. He and his wife have been a real blessing to this country. And it is with great regret that I see DAN COATS join the group of retiring Senators. But I do wish every best wish to him and his family, and I compliment them for their outstanding service to their State, to their country, to God, and to their family.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT OF 1998

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I believe there is still some remaining time on both sides on the international religious freedom bill. I now yield back all time remaining for tonight's debate on that bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the substitute amendment is agreed to.

The substitute amendment (No. 3789) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT OF 1998

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report H.R. 10.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 10) to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate is now in a period of morning business.

Mr. NICKLES addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLASS FONTAINE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a fellow Pascagoulian and personal friend, Mr. Douglass Fontaine. Doug has devoted his life to an industry for which Mississippians are proud to be recognized—hospitality.

A third generation hotelier, Doug grew up surrounded by the hotel industry. Both Doug's parents and grandparents managed the historic Allison's Wells Spa in Way, Mississippi. He too took his turn at managing Allison's Wells after returning from Germany, where he managed an R & R hotel. He then eventually relocated to Pascagoula, and for more than 35 years has owned La Font Inn. Doug has not